

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Painta et al.

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**For:** TRACTION MECHANISM DRIVE, IN  
PARTICULAR FOR A BELT DRIVE

**Group:** 3657

**Examiner:** Robert T. Reese

**Our File:** INA-PT187  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2009.

Please amend this application without prejudice as noted in detail below.